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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 7 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand <b>23 April 2003 (23.04.2003)</b>	Date of completion of this report <b>06 November 2003 (06.11.2003)</b>
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

## I. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 3-8 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2, 2a \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of 14 October 2003 (14.10.2003)

 the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of 14 October 2003 (14.10.2003)

 the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2-2/2 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

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## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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International application No.  
PCT/EP 02/09224

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations

This report refers to the following document:

D1: US-B1-6 302 461 (DEBRAS JEAN-JACQUES ET AL.) 16  
October 2001 (2001-10-16)

**Novelty**

1. D1, which is taken as the closest prior art, discloses (cf. column 3, line 12 to column 4, line 41; figures 2 and 5 - the references in parentheses relate to this document):

a method of producing an identification plate (9, 10) which, after its manufacture, is fastened to an object (1), data specific to the object (1) being attached in optically readable form on the visible side (15) of the identification plate (9, 10) (column 3, lines 61-64) and a transponder (9) being integrated into the identification plate (9, 10),

said method including the following production method steps:

- i) a base (figure 2, (11)) for the

identification plate (9, 10) is produced from a temperature-resistant thermoplastic plastic (column 3, lines 30-33 and column 4, lines 34-40), forming, at least in sections, a casing (10) with a shell-like mount;

- ii) the transponder (9) is inserted in the mount;
- iii) the mount is enclosed by a cover (12) that was produced beforehand from a temperature-resistant thermoplastic plastic, thus yielding in the end a combination product from said parts;
- iv) optically readable data are attached on the visible side (15) of the combination product (column 3, lines 61-64) and
- v) data are input electromagnetically into the memory of the transponder and afterward read out electronically from the memory of the combination product (column 3, lines 44-49).

The additional production method steps in claim 1:

- vi) the transponder initially has an empty memory;
- vii) the plastic(s) is (are) melted in the contact zone between the casing and the cover and
- viii) at least some of the optically readable data are simultaneously input electromagnetically into the memory of the transponder

are not known from D1. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

**Inventive Step**

2. The problem with the identification plate known from D1 can be regarded as the discrepancy in content between the optically visible inscription and the data in memory.

The above problem can be solved by carrying out the two operations simultaneously, i.e. the process of inscribing with optically readable data and the process of storing electronic data in the transponder.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

3. Claims 2 to 10 are dependent on claim 1 and hence also meet the PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)).

**Industrial Applicability**

4. The method of producing an identification plate for characterizing an object as claimed in the present application can be applied in the vehicle industry.